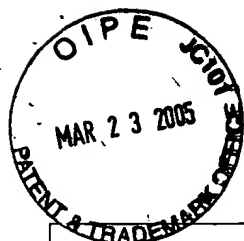


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

Application Number	09/333,821
Filing Date	June 15, 1999
First Named Inventor	Levine et al.
Group Art Unit	2178
Examiner Name	Cesar B. Paula
Attorney Docket No.	MICR0154

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

☒ **1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

a. ☐ Previously submitted

- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

☐ **2. Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

☐ **3. Request for Extension of Time**

Applicant respectfully requests that the shortened statutory period for response to the _____ dated _____, set to expire on _____, be extended by _____ month(s) to expire on _____. The \$_____ (large entity // small entity???) fee is enclosed herewith in the check noted below.

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X 4.. Claim Status

Computation of Fee For Claims as Submitted for filing in RCE					
	Claims Remaining after Preliminary Amendment Submitted Herewith (if any)	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Number of Extra Claims	Rate	Fees
Total Claims	32	32	-0-	x \$50	\$-0-
Independent Claims	3	3	-0-	x \$200	-0-
ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE					-0-
RCE FEE					790
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS RCE SUBMISSION					<u>\$ 790</u>

X 5.. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. X The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-1940.

- i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR § 1.17(e)
- ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. X Any additional required fees
- iv. Other

b. X Check No. 8098 in the amount of \$790 is enclosed, which includes all the fees as noted above.

c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Date: March 23, 2005

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